

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

I. Summary of the Non-final Office Action

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-19 are pending, and claims 2 and 7 are canceled.

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 9-19 are allowed.

Claims 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

II. Amendments to Claims

In rejecting claims 3, 4 and 8 as above, the Examiner stated that these claims are rejected because of their dependency on canceled claims 2 and 7, respectively, but would be allowable if the claim dependency is corrected to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant amends claims 3, 4 and 8 by changing their dependencies from claims 2 or 7 to claims 1 or 6.

Applicant respectfully requests that claims are entered and allowed even though the outstanding office action is final, because the amendments to claims 3, 4 and 8 merely adopt the Examiner's suggestions, and require only cursory review by the Examiner.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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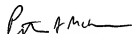
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